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WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. A computer-implemented method for determining retroactive price adjustments, the method comprising:

5 receiving a first initiation message for initiating a first pricing event for a part acquired for use by a first plant, the first initiation message including a first effective time period and/or a first new price for the part;

10 for the first initiation message,

retrieving information pertinent to at least one receipt received for the part within the first effective time period, the information for each receipt including a receipt date, a receipt quantity, and a receipt

15 price;

for each receipt,

determining a variance based on the difference between the first or second new price and the receipt price;

20 determining a price adjustment based on the variance and the receipt quantity; and

generating a retroactive invoice for enabling transfer of the price adjustment, the retroactive invoice including the variance and the price adjustment,

25 wherein the first effective time period is comprised of at least an effective start date and the effective start date is before each receipt date,

whereby at least one retroactive invoice is relied upon by buyers and suppliers to for receiving retroactive price adjustments retroactively.

2. The method of claim 1 further comprising receiving a second initiation message for initiating a

second pricing event for the part acquired for use by a second plant, the second initiation message including a second effective time period and/or a second new price for the part.

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3. The method of claim 2 wherein for the first and second initiation messages, retrieving information pertinent to an at least one receipt received for the part within the first or second effective time period, the 10 information for each receipt including a receipt date, a receipt quantity, and a receipt price.

4. The method of claim 3 wherein the second effective time period is comprised of at least a start 15 effective date and the start effective date is before the receipt date of each receipt retrieved based on the second initiation.

5. The method of claim 4 wherein the part is 20 acquired by the first and second plant according to a blanket purchase agreement.

6. The method of claim 5 wherein the blanket 25 purchase agreement is created upon receipt of the part by the first and/or second plant.

7. The method of claim 6 wherein the price of the part is established based on the first effective time period and/or the first new price and/or the second effective time 30 period and/or the second new price.

8. The method of claim 4 wherein the first and second effective time periods are each defined by a start effective date and an end effective date.

5 9. The method of claim 8 wherein the first new price is effective for the first effective time period and the second new price is effective for the second effective time period.

10 10. The method of claim 4 wherein the part has not been received by the first and/or second plant.

15 11. The method of claim 4 wherein the part has been received by the first and/or second plant.

12. The method of claim 4 wherein if the variance for at least one receipt is positive, the retroactive invoice for the at least one receipt is comprised of a credit invoice.

20 13. The method of claim 12 further comprising transferring the price adjustment for the at least one receipt to the supplier.

25 14. The method of claim 11 wherein if the variance for at least one receipt is negative, the retroactive invoice for the at least one receipt is comprised of a debit invoice.

30 15. The method of claim 14 further comprising transferring the debit invoice for the at least one receipt to the supplier.

16. The method of claim 1 further comprising generating a pricing report for at least one receipt, the pricing report including the receipt date, the receipt quantity, and the price adjustment.

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17. The method of claim 16 further comprising transmitting the pricing report to the supplier.

10 18. The method of claim 17 wherein the transmitting step is comprised of transmitting the pricing report via an electronic data interface.

15 19. A computer-implemented system for determining retroactive price adjustments, the system comprising at least one server computer for communicating with at least one client computer, the at least one server computer being configured to:

20 receive a first initiation message for initiating a first pricing event for a part acquired for use by a first plant, the first initiation message including a first effective time period and/or a first new price for the part; for the first initiation message,

25 retrieve information pertinent to an at least one receipt received for the part within the first effective time period, the information for each receipt including a receipt date, a receipt quantity, and a receipt price; for each receipt,

30 determine a variance based on the difference between the first or second new price and the receipt price;

determine a price adjustment based on the variance and the receipt quantity; and

generate a retroactive invoice for enabling transfer of the price adjustment, the retroactive invoice including the variance and the price adjustment,

5 wherein the first effective time period is comprised of at least an effective start date and the effective start date is before each receipt date,

whereby at least one retroactive invoice is relied upon by buyers and suppliers for receiving retroactive price adjustments.

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20. The system of claim 19 wherein the part is acquired by the first and second plant according to a blanket purchase agreement.

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21. The system of claim 20 wherein the blanket purchase agreement is created upon receipt of the part by the first and/or second plant.

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22. The system of claim 21 wherein the price of the part is established based on the first effective time period and/or the first new price.

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23. The system of claim 19 wherein the first effective time period is defined by the start effective date and an end effective date.

24. The system of claim 23 wherein the first new price is effective for the first effective time period.

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25. The system of claim 19 wherein the part has not been received by the first plant.

26. The system of claim 19 wherein the part has been received by the first plant.

27. The system of claim 19 wherein if the 5 variance for at least one receipt is positive, the retroactive invoice for the at least one receipt is comprised of a credit invoice.

28. The system of claim 27 wherein the at least 10 one server computer is further configured to transfer the price adjustment for the at least one receipt to the supplier.

29. The system of claim 26 wherein if the 15 variance for at least one receipt is negative, the retroactive invoice for the at least one receipt is comprised of a debit invoice.

30. The system of claim 27 wherein the at least 20 one server computer is further configured to transfer the debit invoice for the at least one receipt to the supplier.

31. The system of claim 19 wherein the at least 25 one server computer is further configured to generate a pricing report for at least one receipt, the pricing report including the receipt date, the receipt quantity, and the price adjustment.

32. The system of claim 31 wherein the at least 30 one server computer is further configured to transmit the pricing report to the supplier.

33. The system of claim 32 wherein the at least one server computer is further configured to transmit the pricing report via an electronic data interface.

5 34. A computer-readable product for determining retroactive price adjustments, the product being produced by a computer-implemented process, the process comprising:

10 receiving a first initiation message for initiating a first pricing event for a part acquired for use by a first plant, the first initiation message including a first effective time period and/or a first new price for the part;

15 for the first initiation message,

20 retrieving information pertinent to an at least one receipt received for the part within the first effective time period, the information for each receipt including a receipt date, a receipt quantity, and a receipt price;

25 for each receipt,

30 determining a variance based on the difference between the first or second new price and the receipt price;

 determining a price adjustment based on the variance and the receipt quantity; and

35 generating a retroactive invoice for enabling transfer of the price adjustment, the retroactive invoice including the variance and the price adjustment,

40 storing one or more of the retroactive invoices in a computer-readable product for use in pricing parts for one or more plants,

 wherein the first effective time period is comprised of at least an effective start date and the effective start date is before each receipt date,

whereby at least one retroactive invoice is relied upon by buyers and suppliers for receiving retroactive price adjustments.

5 35. A program for controlling a computer of a server for determining retroactive price adjustments, the program comprising:

10 instructions for receiving a first initiation message for initiating a first pricing event for a part acquired for use by a first plant, the first initiation message including a first effective time period and/or a first new price for the part;

15 for the first initiation message,

15 instructions for retrieving information pertinent to an at least one receipt received for the part within the first or second effective time periods, the information for each receipt including a receipt date, a receipt quantity, and a receipt price;

20 for each receipt,

20 instructions for determining a variance based on the difference between the first or second new price and the receipt price;

25 instructions for determining a price adjustment based on the variance and the receipt quantity; and

25 instructions for generating a retroactive invoice for enabling transfer of the price adjustment, the retroactive invoice including the variance and the price adjustment,

30 wherein the first effective time period is comprised of at least an effective start date and the effective start date is before each receipt date,

whereby at least one retroactive invoice is relied upon by buyers and suppliers for receiving retroactive price adjustments.

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